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The assignee is

Name of assignee Curon Medical, Inc.

Address of assignee 46117 Landing Parkway

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Title of disclaimant authorized to sign on behalf of assignee Daniel D. Ryan (Reg. No. 29,243),
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The extent of the interest in this invention that the disclaimant owns is in:

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The assignment was recorded on 5/13/1999 and 1/3/2001

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(37 CFR 1.20(d))

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